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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

JORDEN CLEVELAND-BROACH, L.P.N. License # NP 06461300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINALL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about December 24, 2013, a letter of inquiry was sent on behalf of the Board, asking respondent to supply information concerning an arrest on December 11, 2013 on charges of forgery, forged writing, and obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraud. The letter also asked for documentation of continuing education

completed in satisfaction of the 2010-2012 renewal requirements. The letter was sent by certified and regular mail to respondent's address of record. Both mailings were returned, marked that the forwarding time had expired, and indicating a new Willingboro address.

- 3. On or about January 19, 2014, the letter was sent to the new Willingboro address by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response was received.
- 4. On her 2012 renewal application, respondent indicated that she would have timely completed continuing education requirements for the 2010-2012 renewal periods by May 31, 2012.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Respondent's failure to provide the Board with a valid address of record, and her failure to respond to a Board inquiry constitutes a failure to cooperate with the Board within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).
- 2. Respondent's failure to document required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period is interpreted as constituting a violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 3. Respondent's indication on her 2012 renewal application that she would have completed required continuing education for the 2010-2012 renewal period by May 31, 2012 constitutes misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

## DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was entered on June 12, 2014 seeking the suspension of Respondent's license to practice as a nurse in the State of New Jersey, provisionally imposing a \$500.00 penalty for failing to provide the Board with a valid address of record and failing to respond to a Board inquiry, a \$250.00 civil penalty for failing to timely complete her continuing education requirement and a public reprimand for misrepresenting on her renewal application that she fulfilled the continuing education requirements. A copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Cleveland-Broach's attorney responded to the POD and provided all required information and documentation of completion of her continuing education requirements which were completed out of time.

The Board was persuaded that the submitted materials merited modification of the penalty and concluded that Respondent's license should not be suspended but that the civil penalties and public reprimand should be imposed.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23 day of October, 2014,

ORDERED that:

A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby imposed for failing to timely provide the Board with a valid address of record and failing to timely respond to a Board inquiry and a \$250.00 civil penalty for failing to timely complete her continuing education requirements. Payment shall be made by money order, bank cashier check or certified check, made payable to the State of New Jersey or by wire transfer, direct deposit or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment. Payment shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

By:

**Board President** 

cc: John O. Poindexter III, Esq.